



Winter 2006-2007 Schedule



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Park by Dark

To know the park, go dark.
Go without sight,
And find that the night, too, blooms and sings,
And is traveled by dark feet and dark wings.

Adapted from Wendell Berry's "To Know the Dark" from *Collected Poems*.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park by dark is a different park from the more familiar one traveled by day runners, hikers, and cross-country skiers. The park by dark in winter is a study in contrast, with dark branches etched against white snow, sometimes against a backdrop of a diamond-starry sky.

The National Park Service recognizes darkness as a resource to be preserved. Here in the park, only a few miles away from thousands of streetlights, one can see the night sky. While the

glow from neighboring cities does dim those stars, constellations can still be seen.

In this oasis of darkness and open space provided by the park, nocturnal creatures live and thrive. Here and there tracks of the hunter and the hunted are found: coyote, mouse, owl, rabbit, and deer. In late winter the breeding calls of owls begin, often creating an eerie soundscape. Walking the Towpath by dark, you may be startled by the yap of a coyote or the soft sounds of wings or scurrying feet.

Although the park does close at dusk, the Towpath itself remains open, providing an intriguing glimpse into the natural world. Join a ranger on a full-moon hike to learn what is out there. On clear nights with the moon shining, you may find that you don't need a flashlight to explore. Dress for the weather and come explore your national park by dark.

4 - 5 Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association

Support Cuyahoga Valley National Park through its friends group, CVNPA!

8 - 9 Music & Arts

Enjoy a wide variety of arts including concerts, contra dancing, and photography presentations.

12 - 13 Hiking & Recreation

Explore CVNP's recreational offerings including ranger-guided hikes and boomerang flying.



Greetings from the Superintendent



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Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting.

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Protect Yourself

Be sure to wear weather-appropriate clothing and drink water for varied activities in the park.

Do not leave valuables in your vehicles.

Keep your dog on a leash at all times for the protection of wildlife, other visitors, and your pet.

This holiday season is the perfect time to reconnect with family and friends while establishing new traditions at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Winter in CVNP offers many unique opportunities for fun, from winter sports activities to festive train rides. Join a cross-country skiing or snowshoeing class at the Winter Sports Center at Kendall Lake Shelter, beginning in December. Ride into a winter wonderland aboard the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad: take the family to choose and cut your own Christmas tree on the Christmas Tree Adventure, or ride with friends to savor the delights of the Wine-Tasting Express. Please consider having your holiday parties at one of our Extraordinary Spaces—a variety of beautiful locations in the park available for work or family gatherings. Make your new traditions even more memorable by including hiking, walking or snowshoeing on the Towpath Trail. There is truly something for everyone.



John P. Debo, Jr.
Photo by MotoPhoto.

See pages 4 and 5 for more information about Extraordinary Spaces, managed by Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association.

This season choose Cuyahoga Valley National Park for your own winter adventure.

John P. Debo, Jr.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a part of the larger Ohio & Erie Canalway. The Ohio & Erie Canalway celebrates the regional and national contributions of the 19th-century Ohio & Erie Canal. By connecting the Ohio frontier with New York and New Orleans, the Ohio & Erie Canal helped people and products flow across America, fueling westward expansion, a national market economy, and regional industrial strength. Today the Ohio & Erie Canalway is a national heritage area: a place to experience trails, trains, scenic byways, canal towns, ethnic neighborhoods, working rivers, great lakes, industrial landscapes, and green spaces, as you explore our past, present, and future. For more information visit www.ohioanderiecanalway.com.



Comments

We are interested in your thoughts, comments, and suggestions on our programs, publications, and visitor services. We are always looking for ways to better serve your needs. Please call (440) 546-5991 or send any feedback to cuva_info@nps.gov.

Ohio Winter Special Olympics Celebrates 25 Years

2007 marks 25 years that CVNP and Ohio Winter Special Olympics have partnered to help Special Olympians make their dreams come true. From January 25 through 27, come out and cheer on these fine athletes as they brave sub-zero temperatures and compete. Cross-country events will be at the Ledges Shelter, downhill skiing at Brandywine Ski Resort, and ice skating events at Kent State Ice Arena.

Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become productive, physically fit, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. There is no charge to participate or watch the Special Olympics. For a complete schedule of this year's events, please call (440) 546-5996.



Light up the Night at the Festival of Lights

It may be the darkest day of the year, but Cuyahoga Valley National Park will be lit up with the *Festival of Lights*, the kick-off event of the *Winter Chillin' Series*. The celebration will be on Thursday, December 21 at 6 p.m. at the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center located at 3675 Oak Hill Road in Peninsula. The *Festival of Lights* will offer a warm feast followed by a winter walk through woods filled with fun, history, and lights.

The *Festival of Lights* is not only a celebration but a way to learn why many cultures observe seasonal days of celebration during December. This is an

event for all ages, and will surely be one to remember.

The *Winter Chillin' Series* includes two more dinner programs, *Games People Played* in January and *Arts in the Park* in February.

The *Winter Chillin'* events end with the *Winter Chillin' Global Overnight*. Guests will join park rangers to explore nature through the eyes of many cultures on this family overnight.

For more information on fees and to register, call (330) 657-2796 ext. 100.



Countryside Readers Book Club and Discussion Group

Countryside Readers explores the relationships between land, farming, and food. Everybody eats — and it has consequences for personal, community, and environmental health. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Mustard Seed Market & Café in Akron located at 3885 W. Market Street. To kick off the new reading season they'll tackle *Organic, Inc: Natural Foods and How They Grew* by Samuel Fromartz. Discussion facilitators will be Daniel Greenfield of Greenfield's Berry Farm and Darwin Kelsey, director of the Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy. The group is a collaboration between the Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy, Slow Food Northern Ohio, and Mustard Seed Market & Café. For more information visit www.cvcountryside.org. To register contact Stephanie Webb at (330) 657-2542 or swebb@cvcountryside.org.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association

Extraordinary Spaces in an Extraordinary Place

Whether it is a unique wedding experience or a company hosting a business meeting in a relaxing setting, Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association's Extraordinary Spaces can accommodate.

Extraordinary Spaces offers a wide range of venues that will fit the needs for any event. Each facility is located in a magnificent setting within the park, with easy access to hike and bike trails. Services include event planning and on-site catering.

Extraordinary Spaces can accommodate small groups in the rustic Hines Hill Conference Center, which provides 60 acres of peace and seclusion for up to 40 guests. There are also facilities for larger groups such as the November Lodge. This newly built "green" building sits on Cuyahoga Valley National Park's wooded acreage, with space for up to 150 guests.



Extraordinary Spaces also offers a unique opportunity for overnight events. Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association offers the Lipscomb and White Pines campuses at Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center for overnight retreats. Both campuses offer dormitory-style accommodations for guests.

For more information please contact Martha Zelinski at (330) 657-2909 ext. 103.

Reasons to Become a Member of CVNPA

You enjoy CVNP and you can visit as often as you like—for free! So why become a member of CVNPA? In addition to the satisfaction you receive from supporting a wonderful natural and cultural resource, there are some great benefits, too!



**Cuyahoga Valley
National Park
Association**

- \$5 discount on tickets to all Heritage Series concerts (a 33 percent discount!)
- Discounts on children's programming, including Junior Ranger and Summer Camp programs
- Participation in the popular Electronic Recycling program
- Special members-only events, such as quarterly Member Hikes at Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center and an annual ice cream social!
- Receive MemberNews electronic newsletter every month

Fill out the form at right and mail it with payment to CVNPA today!

Join CVNPA and help protect and support your national park!

Membership Program Levels

___ Earth (Individual) \$35 ___ Rock (Family) \$45 ___ River \$100

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

___ Check enclosed (payable to CVNPA)

___ Charge my ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Account Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Mail membership form to: **CVNPA**
1403 W. Hines Hill Road
Peninsula, Ohio 44264

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association

Save the Date!

Winter Chillin' Overnight

Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10

Join park rangers as we explore nature through the eyes of many cultures on this family overnight. For more information call (800) 642-3297 or visit www.cvnpa.org. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center.

Summer Camp Retreat

Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3

Miss your camp friends, counselors and activities? Can't wait for summer? This is a weekend for experienced and first-time campers to enjoy summer camp activities, such as

hiking, arts, dance and much more! For more information call (800) 642-3297 or visit www.cvnpa.org. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center.

Women of the Wilderness

Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 25

Learn how to be more prepared for a hike. Cook a full meal over a campfire. This is an opportunity for women to spend a weekend learning or polishing their outdoor living skills. For more information call (800) 642-3297 or visit www.cvnpa.org. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center.



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NPS Photo by Wendy Baldwin.

John F. Seiberling Gallery Features Area Artists

The relationship between art and nature is on display at the John F. Seiberling Gallery located within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association Administrative Offices at 1403 West Hines Hill Road, Peninsula.

The gallery opened in November 2004 with the inaugural show highlighting the photography of Congressman John F. Seiberling. Seiberling, a noted environmentalist and photographer, was instrumental in the creation of Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

The concept of creating a space to highlight work of area artists with close ties to the park was the vision of

Kathleen O'Neill of The Design Within. The purpose of the gallery is to provide a space for these artists to show their work, ranging from photography to etchings. The works are grounded in the relationship between art and nature, either through the material used or the subject.

The gallery is exhibiting "Stunted Growth" by Elizabeth Maugans, which runs through December 15.

The gallery is open to the public during the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information please call (330) 657-2909.

Environmental Education Council of Ohio

*Friday through Sunday,
February 2 to 4*

Come one, come all! This is a weekend workshop for formal and non-formal educators interested in learning or strengthening teaching techniques. Enjoy a fun, educational, but relaxing weekend in the beautiful setting of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center. For more information call (800) 642-3297 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Experience the fun, adventure, romance, and nostalgia of a vintage train ride through the heart of beautiful CVNP, located along the banks of the Cuyahoga River and the historic Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Choose from several excursions available throughout the year. Days, departures, and fares vary.

Excursions continue on weekends only through December 17, 2006, and start again Saturday, February 10, 2007. CVSR will not operate from December 18 through February 9, 2007.

Canal Limited

Saturdays and Sundays, December 2 - 17 and February 10 - 25

Ride to the Canal Visitor Center to explore exhibits on the Ohio & Erie Canal, then climb aboard for the return trip. Allow 2-1/2 hours. Fee: \$15 adults, \$13 seniors 65 and over, and \$8 children 3 - 12. Peninsula Depot, 11:15 a.m.

Peninsula Explorer

Saturday and Sunday, December 16 and 17; Saturdays and Sundays, February 10 - 25

Ride the rails, take a hike along the Towpath Trail, explore the Village of Peninsula and enjoy lunch or shopping. Allow 4-1/2 hours. Fee: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors 65 and over, and \$9 children 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10:15 a.m.



Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit organization in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park. CVSR is dedicated to the preservation of historic passenger rail transportation in the Cuyahoga Valley.

For reservations or more information, call (800) 468-4070 or visit www.cvsr.com.



Scenic Limited

Saturdays and Sundays, February 10 - 25

Enjoy a 1.75-hour excursion through CVNP. Fee: \$7. Rockside Station, 10:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Christmas Tree Adventure

Saturdays and Sundays, December 2 - 10

Ride the train to the Village of Peninsula and visit Heritage Farms to select and cut your own Christmas tree. Fee: \$25 adults, \$20 seniors 65 and over, and \$12 children 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10:15 a.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

Mr. Jingeling's Holiday Express

Saturdays and Sundays, December 2 - 17

Mr. Jingeling—celebrating 50 years! Young and old alike will enjoy this holiday trip as a very special beloved



Photo by Tom Jones.

holiday character joins CVSR for a train ride. "Mr. Jingeling," Santa's number one elf and "Keeper of the Keys" to Santa's toy shop, will be passing out his magical keys on this holiday ride. Don't miss out on the fun—make your holiday season a memorable one. Reservations required. Seating limited. Fee: \$20 adults, \$18 seniors 65 and over, and \$13 children 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10:15 a.m. or 1 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

"Grape Escape" Wine-Tasting Express

Saturday, January 27 and Friday, February 16

Sample five choice wines served with appetizers to tempt the palate during a two-hour train ride through the park. Reservations required. 21 and older only.

Fee: \$45 Coach and \$65 First-class. Rockside Station, 2 - 4 p.m. on 1/27 and 7 - 9 p.m. on 2/16. To register call (800) 468-4070.

"Cabin Fever" Trains

Saturdays and Sundays, February 10 - 25

If you are looking for a good reason to get out of the house during February, take a train ride at special "Cabin Fever" prices and enjoy the beautiful winter scenery of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Scenic Limited and Canal Limited tickets are \$7 per person. Canal Limited departs Peninsula at 11:15 a.m. and Scenic Limited departs Rockside Station at 10:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. *Peninsula Explorer departs Rockside Station at 10:15 a.m.; tickets are \$12 adult and \$9 children 3 - 12.*

Storytelling Train: Lessons in Traveling an Underground Railroad

Saturday, February 24

Do you know the code words? Could you find your way north under the cover of night? Who can you trust? Learn the answers to these questions and more as we learn the lessons of the Underground Railroad. After your lesson you'll journey to the Blue Heron Book Store where you'll enjoy a warm fire and be tested by costumed actors who will bring the past to life. Explore the dangers and triumphs of traveling an Underground Railroad. Seating limited. Fee: \$10 per person. Brecksville Station, 6 - 8 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

Children's & Family Programming

Why Do We Have Winter? Let's Ask Granny Willow!

Saturday, January 27

Granny Willow knows everything about CVNP. Join her for a puppet show as she helps the animals of the forest find out why we have winter and what happens to the wildlife in the Cuyahoga Valley. She'll also lead you on a short hike to look for animal signs. Activities after the hike. Ages 3 - 7. Happy Days Visitor Center, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Snowshoe Workshops

Saturdays, December 23 and February 3

Sundays, January 7 and February 11

Family Workshop

Snowshoeing is a warm, energetic, and fun way to enjoy the snow-covered fields and forests. Discover what snowshoeing was like for the early settlers, and then learn some techniques that allow for convenient travel over deep snow. Later, take a guided snowshoe walk to a nearby forest to search for animal signs. This workshop is specially designed for families with children 7 years or older when snow exceeds 2 inches. Fee: \$3 with own equipment, \$8 with snowshoe rental. Program is limited to 17 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 12/23; 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on 1/7, 2/3 and 2/11. For reservations call (216) 524 -1497.

Wednesday, December 27, Sunday, January 21, and Saturday, February 17

Family Snowshoe Games

Have you ever wondered what people did outdoors for entertainment in the winter back in the 1800s? Families and individuals are welcome to play games and run races in the snow using snowshoes and our imaginations. This workshop is designed for families with children 7 years or older when snow exceeds 2 inches. Fee: \$3 with own equipment, \$8 with snowshoe rental. Program is limited to 17 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. *Additional workshop on Wednesday, December 27, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.* For reservations call (216) 524 -1497.

Sundays, January 14 and February 4

Children's Snowshoe Hike

Learn to walk over deep snow. Snowshoeing is a warm, energetic, and fun way to enjoy the snow-covered fields and forests of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Discover what snowshoeing was like for early settlers and take a guided snowshoe walk to a nearby forest to search for animal signs.

This hike is designed for children 7 years or older when snow exceeds 2 inches. Fee: \$3 with own equipment, \$8 with rental. Program is limited to 17 participants. If no snow, program will be conducted as a traditional hike. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 1/14 and 9:30 a.m. - noon on 2/4. For reservations call (216) 524-1497.



Winter Chillin' Dinner Series

Been a long week? Let CVNPA do the cooking. Relax with family and friends in a lovely natural setting. A healthy, hearty buffet dinner will be followed by a ranger-led program. Fee: \$14 per person ages 12 - up, \$12 CVNPA members, \$10 children 5 - 11. For more information and to register, call (330) 657-2796 ext. 100.

Festival of Lights

Thursday, December 21

Come light up the darkest day of the year in CVNP. You'll learn why many cultures observe seasonal days of celebration during December. Enjoy a warm feast followed by a winter walk through the woods. 6 - 10 p.m.

Games People Played

Friday, January 5

Before computers and video games, what games did people play? Those who came before us liked games as much as we do. Come test your skills and luck with games from the past. The evening ends with a story around a cozy campfire. 6 - 10 p.m.

Arts in the Park

Friday, February 16

Natural environments have inspired artists throughout time. Let the beauty of nature inspire your creativity during some hands-on art activities. Create a masterpiece, learn new skills, or just come for the fun! 6 - 10 p.m.

Music & Arts

Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series

The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657-2909.

Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales available by calling (330) 657-2909. You can create your own subscription series. All concerts are held at Happy Days Visitor Center and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m.

The Wailin' Jennys

Friday, December 1

Dubbed "one of the most exciting new folk bands" by Barnes and Noble, the *Wailin' Jennys* are Annabelle Chvostek, Nicky Mehta, and Ruth Moody—three distinct voices that together make an aching perfect vocal sound. With their fresh folk-pop sound, stunning three-part vocals, and eclectic mix of



accordion, banjo, harmonica, mandolin, violin, guitar, and percussion, the *Wailin' Jennys* embrace many musical styles including alt-country, Celtic, rock, and traditional.

Celtic Christmas Special: Cherish the Ladies

Monday, December 18

For nearly two decades, the name of a time-honored Irish traditional jig has become equally well known as the name

for one of the most engaging ensembles in Irish music: *Cherish the Ladies*. They have grown from a one-time concert concept to an Irish traditional music sensation, literally the most successful and sought-after Irish-American group in Celtic music history. With their unique, spectacular blend of instrumental talents, beautiful vocals, captivating arrangements, and stunning step dancing, this powerhouse group combines all the facets of Irish traditional culture in an immensely humorous and entertaining package. *Admission: \$22 adults, \$20 CVNPA members, \$10 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909. This concert begins at 7:30 p.m.*



King Wilkie

Friday, January 12

King Wilkie, a six-member bluegrass band, traces its roots to 2002, when Ted Pitney (guitar/vocals) and Reid Burgess (mandolin/vocals) met to form an act that would make Bill Monroe proud. Success has seen *King Wilkie* performing at the Grand Ole Opry and accepting the International Bluegrass Music Award's coveted Emerging Artist of the Year Award. Bringing an exciting energy to their music, *King Wilkie* focuses not only on intricate styles, but also musical texture and mood.

Eric Bibb

Friday, February 16

Taj Mahal says of blues guitarist Eric Bibb, "Eric is one of the new, young singers that has appeared on the scene that, much to my delight, has a great voice, is an excellent performer and has a great knowledge about the roots of this music." While musically exploring soulful, gospel-infused blues, Eric's talents for performing and songwriting have been recognized with a Grammy nomination and four W.C. Handy nominations.

Contra Dances

Thursdays, December 14 and 28,

January 11 and 25, February 8 and 22

Join *Strings & Things* and callers for contra dancing in the Cuyahoga Valley. Every dance is taught, walked through, and called, so even the inexperienced dancer is guaranteed a good time. If you don't dance, come to enjoy an evening of jigs and reels in the historic Village of Peninsula. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Park Ranger Rebecca Jones will present a Contra Conversation on January 11. *Admission: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. teaching and 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.*

Cuyahoga Valley Nature Writers

Fridays, December 8, January 12, and February 9

This group assists both amateur and professional writers with their original work. Participants should bring 15 copies of a poem, short story, or essay. Discussion centers on the strengths and weaknesses of each piece, with suggestions for improving it and enhancing chances of publication. Fee: \$3. Boston Store, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. For more information call (330) 657-2909.

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society (CVPS)

As an activity of CVNPA in cooperation with the National Park Service, CVPS promotes CVNP through the photographic arts by providing educational opportunities such as workshops, presentations, photo walks, and an annual photo contest. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909 or info@cvnpsa.org.

CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers at Happy Days Visitor Center. All presentations start at 7 p.m. Free unless otherwise stated.

Thursday, January 18

Members' Show

This is an opportunity for members to show some of their 35mm slides or digital images and, as an option, to have them critiqued by professional photographers. Guests are welcome to attend.

Thursday, February 15

Alan Doe

Using a live model, Alan will demonstrate studio lighting techniques with main and fill lights for various contrast ratios, five formal settings for shaping the face, and posing tips. Finished prints will be available for review.

Thursday, March 15

"Jackson Bog, a Photographer's Perspective."

CVPS member Michael Witt will present images from his recent book accompanied by music. Witt will offer hints for photographers who want to publish their own work.



Photo by Diane Seskes.

Winter Sports Center

Winter Sports Center at Kendall Lake Shelter

Winter sports are ideal ways to experience the winter season, when temperatures are cold and snow abounds. Whether you choose to cross-country ski or snowshoe, you will find all the right ingredients at Kendall Lake and on nearby trails.

Cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals are available first-come, first-served. The Winter Sports Center has smaller cross-country skis and kids' snowshoes available for children ages 7 - 12. (The cost is the same as for adult equipment.)

Cross-country ski lessons are available from Park Ranger/Certified Instructor Paul Motts. Taking lessons helps develop proper technique and better performance. As a result the sport becomes more enjoyable and less strenuous. This year many cross-country ski workshops are being offered again, ranging from beginning to advanced intermediate classes. In addition a number of new snowshoe activities are being offered, including impromptu lessons.

After a day on the trails, relax in the warmth of the Winter Sports Center



and indulge in some hot chocolate and shade-grown coffee. Talk with a staff member about places to visit in the park or recent animal sightings along the trails. Enjoy a cross-country ski video in the company of other winter sports enthusiasts. Remember, on any winter outing it is always advisable to dress in layers and carry plenty of water.

Snowshoe Hikes

Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, February 4

Evergreen Forests

Discover what it is like to snowshoe through large stands of eastern white

pine. Join us on this moderate 2.5-mile snowshoe over hills and along the plateau of the Pine Grove Trail. Bring water and dress for an active outdoor outing. Fee: \$3 with own equipment, \$8 with snowshoe rental. Program is limited to 15 participants. If less than 4 inches of snow, this program will be conducted as a hike. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 a.m. - noon. For reservations call (216) 524 - 1497.

Saturdays, January 13 and February 24, Sunday, January 28

Historic Landscapes

Discover the role of the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC) in shaping our national parks on this moderately difficult 2.5-mile guided snowshoe. Join us to observe some remaining historic CCC places as we wander over some challenging hills and ravines within the Virginia Kendall historic landscape. Bring water and dress for an active outdoor outing. Fee: \$3 with own equipment, \$8 with snowshoe rental. Program is limited to 15 participants. If less than 4 inches of snow, this program will be conducted as a hike. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1 - 3:30 p.m. on 1/13; 1 - 3 p.m. on 1/28; 9:30 a.m. - noon on 2/24. For reservations, call (216) 524 -1497.

Snowshoeing programs designed specifically for children and families are listed on page 7.

Rental Information

There must be at least 2 inches of snow for snowshoe rental and 6 inches of snow for cross-country ski rental.

Winter Sports Center at Kendall Lake

10 a.m. - 4 p.m., weekends from December 2 through December 24 and January 6 through February 25; daily from December 26 to 31; and on the holidays, January 15 and February 19.

Happy Days Visitor Center

Snowshoe rentals are available December 2 through mid-March, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays.

Both facilities are closed December 25 and January 1.

Ski Rental: \$15 (full day) and \$7.50 (3 hours)

Snowshoes: \$5 (full day)

Cross-Country Ski Programs

*Saturdays, December 16 and 30, January 6 and 13
Sundays, January 21 and February 11*

Beginning Workshop

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop, held with or without snow. Free ski time will follow approximately 2 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with 3-hour rental. Program is limited to 20 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For reservations call (216) 524-1497.

Saturday, January 6

Beginning Children's Workshop: Ages 7 - 9

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop, held with or without snow. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with rental. Program is limited to 8 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1:30 - 3 p.m. For reservations call (216) 524-1497.

Saturdays, January 20 and February 10

Beginning Children's Workshop: Ages 10 - 12

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop, held with or without snow. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment. A limited supply will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with rental. Program is limited to 10 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1:30 - 3 p.m. For reservations call (216) 524-1497.

Saturdays, December 16 and December 30

Sunday, January 28

Ski Preparation

Whether you have waxable or non-waxable skis, there are certain preparation methods that can help protect your skis and allow for maximum performance. Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts and discover the important aspects of cross-country ski preparation with a chance to prepare your own skis. Fee: \$10. Program is limited to 15 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on 12/16; 10 a.m. - noon on 12/30 and 1/28. For reservations call (216) 524-1497.

*Saturdays, January 27 and February 10
Sunday, January 7*

Handling Hills

Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts to learn the important skills needed to cross-country ski on hills and novice trails. Dress for the weather and bring your own equipment. If no snow, this workshop may be rescheduled on the basis of instructor availability and snow conditions. Fee: \$10. Program is limited to 15 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1 - 3 p.m. on 1/27; 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 1/7 and 2/10. For reservations call (216) 524-1497.

Saturdays, January 27 and February 17

Intermediate Workshop

Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts for this workshop designed for intermediate skiers with a good wedge or snowplow. Learn a variety of intermediate skiing techniques and come prepared with your own equipment, ready for outdoor instruction. If no snow, this workshop may be rescheduled on the basis of instructor availability and snow conditions. Fee \$10. Program is limited to 15 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. For reservations call (216) 524-1497.

Sunday, February 18

Advanced Intermediate Workshop

This ski class is designed for experienced intermediate cross-country skiers wishing to develop advanced intermediate techniques used on narrow ski trails. Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts to learn skiing techniques that will help develop your skills for an advanced ski workshop. Bring your own equipment and dress for outdoor instruction. If no snow, this workshop may be rescheduled on the basis of instructor availability and snow conditions. Fee: \$10. Program is limited to 15 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. For reservations call (216) 524-1497.



Hiking & Recreation

Let's Build a Boomerang!

Sunday, January 28

CVNP is a marvelous place to build, learn about, and throw boomerangs. Boomerang expert Dave Boehm will bring blanks to work on and give complete instructions for building your own. No previous experience needed—fun for the whole family. History, physics of flight, and control will be covered as you make these fascinating flying instruments. Fee: \$10 (includes materials). Happy Days Visitor Center, 2 - 4 p.m.

Full Moon Hikes

Monday, December 4

The Full Long Nights Moon

December has the shortest days and longest nights of any month in Earth's Northern Hemisphere, with as little as 9 hours and 12 minutes of daylight on the Winter Solstice, December 22. Join a park ranger for a 3.5-mile walk along the Towpath Trail between Boston and Red Lock. Weather permitting, we will have outstanding views of the Full Long Nights Moon rising over the old fields and forested hills to the east. Boston Store, 7 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, January 3

The Full Wolf Moon

Wolves in the Cuyahoga Valley? Historically, yes—but now you'll only hear coyotes. Join a park ranger for a moderately difficult, 3.7-mile trek

Winter Warm-ups

Winter hiking in CVNP offers beautiful scenery and wonderful recreational opportunities. Warm up with this hiking series as you explore CVNP's more challenging trails. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

Sunday, December 3

4-mile hike on the moderately difficult Salt Run and Lake Trails. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 17

5.5-mile hike on the moderately difficult Ledges, Pine Grove, and Lake Trails. Ledges Shelter, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 7

5.5-mile hike on the moderately difficult Carriage Trail. Red Lock Trailhead, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 21

6-mile hike on the difficult Buckeye and Valley Trails. Pine Lane Trailhead, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 4

6-mile hike on the Stanford, Gorge, and Towpath Trails. Boston Store, 9 a.m. - noon.

Sunday, February 18

7-mile hike on difficult sections of the Buckeye and Valley Trails. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

around Haskell Run and Boston Run Trails to learn about these members of the Canidae family and, weather permitting, see the rising Full Wolf Moon. Happy Days Visitor Center, 7 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1

The Full Hunger Moon

Surviving the cold and drought conditions of winter is a huge challenge for living organisms. Join a park ranger for a moderately difficult, 3.5-mile route



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around Kendall Lake and the Cross-Country Trails to view the Full Hunger Moon and learn how animals and plants survive the harsh winter. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Off the Beaten Path

Saturday, February 3

Join Park Ranger Kerry Vincent for an off-trail trek adventure. Start and finish in the same place, but who knows what we might find along the way? Follow “Leave No Trace” practices as you explore CVNP. Ages 12 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared for all types of terrain. Maximum of 20 participants.

Oak Hill Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m. To register call (216) 524-1497.

Burn up the Christmas Calories

Friday, December 29

Feeling like you had too many trimmings with your turkey? Join Park Ranger Rebecca Jones to burn off a few of those cookie calories on this 8-mile hike along the Buckeye and Valley Trails. Hike may be altered due to weather conditions. Come prepared for the weather. Energy snacks and water suggested. NPS Park Headquarters, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Snowshoeing: Going to the Dogs!

Dog parks and walking your dog along the towpath have become so popular that we thought we’d join in the fun. Join a park ranger on this snowshoeing adventure that is dedicated to the dog lover in you. Remember, all dogs must be on a 6-foot or shorter leash and under the owner’s control at all times. If no snow, this will be a hike. Fee: \$5 snowshoe rental.

Sunday, January 28

1.5-mile walk on the Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 25

2.2-mile walk on the Pine Grove Trail. Octagon Shelter, 10 - 11 a.m.

Nature & History

Winter Falls

Saturday, January 13

Explore two of winter's waterfalls in CVNP with Park Ranger Rebecca Jones. This hike will cover 3.3 miles with several creek crossings. Dress for the weather and the conditions to discover winter falls. Boston Store parking lot, 9 - 11 a.m.

Christmas Traditions: Past and Present

Saturday, December 2

Christmas traditions celebrated in the Cuyahoga Valley are as diverse as the valley's early settlers. Join Park Ranger Pamela Machuga around a roaring fire at the Blue Heron Bookstore and explore Christmas traditions of the past. Then become part of a family tradition by portraying a Polar Express Elf. Stationed at the North Pole, aka Peninsula, you'll thrill children riding aboard that magical train. Dress for the weather and the holiday season by wearing your most festive elf attire. We'll have hot cocoa and cookies to warm you up. Blue Heron Bookstore, 6 - 8 p.m.

Storytelling Train: Lessons in Traveling an Underground Railroad

Saturday, February 24

Do you know the code words? Could you find your way north under the cover of night? Who can you trust? Learn the answers to these questions and more as we learn the lessons of the Underground Railroad. After your lesson you'll journey to the Blue Heron Book Store where you'll enjoy a warm fire and be tested by costumed actors who will bring the past to life. Explore the dangers and triumphs of traveling an Underground Railroad. Seating limited. Fee: \$10 per person. Brecksville Station, 6 - 8 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

Bird Watching

Even in the dead of winter, CVNP plays host to a wide assortment of birds. Bring binoculars and a field guide as you join expert and beginner birders to discover these feathered friends for yourself.

Saturday, December 9

December Birds

Despite cold temperatures and limited food supplies, there are several permanent residents and northern visitors this time of year. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to search for wintering birds along the 3.4 mile Boston Run Trail. Happy Days Visitor Center North Parking Lot, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 17

Christmas Bird Count

Annual counts help monitor bird populations, establish which species are in the area, and alert scientists to unusual changes. Participate as a park volunteer, counting birds in the southern portion of CVNP for the Greater Akron Audubon Society. Donation: \$3 (optional) to defray result preparation and publication costs. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7:30 a.m. - noon.



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Saturday, January 6

Northern Birds

Wintering birds are often seen in the upland mixed forests. Golden crown kinglets, red-breasted nuthatches and tree sparrows are among the birds sometimes found feeding along the edges of the hardwood forests. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to search for northern birds along the trails surrounding Oak Hill. Oak Hill Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 17

Returning Waterfowl

Several kinds of aquatic birds are starting to appear in the Cuyahoga Valley. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to look for common mergansers and other early returning waterfowl along the Cuyahoga River. Red Lock Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
3 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 CVSR and Mr. Jüngeling, 10:15 a.m. or 1 p.m., p. 6 Winter Warm-ups, 9 - 10:30 a.m., p. 12 Gatehouse Gifts, noon - 4 p.m., p. 18	4 Full Moon Hike, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 12	5	6	7 	8 Mustill Store, 6 - 8 p.m., p. 18 Lantern Tours, 6 - 8:20 p.m., p. 18Cuyahoga Valley Nature Writers, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., p. 9	9 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Bird Watching, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 14 CVSR and Mr. Jüngeling, 10:15 a.m. or 1 p.m., p. 6 Lantern Tours, 6 - 8:20 p.m., p. 18
10 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 CVSR and Mr. Jüngeling, 10:15 a.m. or 1 p.m., p. 6 Open House, 1 - 4 p.m., p. 18 Gatehouse Gifts, noon - 4 p.m., p. 18	11	12	13	14 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 9	15 Lantern Tours, 6 - 8:20 p.m., p. 18	16 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Beginning Cross-Country Skiing, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., p. 11 CVSR and Mr. Jüngeling, 10:15 a.m. or 1 p.m., p. 6 Cross-Country Ski Preparation, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, p. 11 Mustills, noon - 3 p.m., p. 18 Lantern Tours, 6 - 8:20 p.m., p. 18
17 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Bird Watching, 7:30 a.m. - noon, p. 14 Winter Warm-ups, 9 - 11:30 a.m., p. 12 CVSR and Mr. Jüngeling, 10:15 a.m. or 1 p.m., p. 6 Gatehouse Gifts, noon - 4 p.m., p. 18	18 Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series: Cherish the Ladies, 7:30 p.m., p. 8	19 	20	21 Winter Chillin' Dinner Series, 6 - 10 p.m., p. 3 Lantern Tours, 6-8:20 p.m., p. 18	22 Lantern Tours, 6 - 8:20 p.m., p. 18	23 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Family Snowshoe Workshop, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 7
24 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11	25 Christmas Day Park Visitor Centers Closed	26 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11	27 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Family Snowshoe Games, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., p. 7	28 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 9	29 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Burn Up 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., p. 13	30 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Beginning Cross-Country Skiing, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., p. 11 Cross-Country Ski Preparation, 10 a.m. - noon, p. 11 Winter Woods Hike I, p. 18
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JANUARY 2007

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	1 New Years Day Park Visitor Centers Closed	2 	3 Full Moon Hike, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 12	4	5 Winter Chillin' Dinner Series, 6 - 10 p.m., p. 7	6 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Bird Watching, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., p. 14 Beginning Cross-Country Skiing, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., p. 11 Beginning Children's Cross-Country Ski Workshop, 1:30- 3 p.m., p. 11
7 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Winter Warm-ups, 9 - 11:30 a.m., p. 12 Cross-Country Ski Workshop: Handling Hills, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 11 Family Snowshoe Workshop, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., p. 7	8	9	10	11 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 9	12 Cuyahoga Valley Nature Writers, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., p. 9 Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series: King Wilkie, 8 p.m., p. 8	13 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Winter Falls, 9 - 11 a.m., p. 14 Historic Landscapes Snowshoe Hike, 1 - 3:30 p.m., p. 10 Beginning Cross-Country Skiing, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., p. 11
14 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Children's Snowshoe Hike, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 7	15 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11	16	17	18 CVPS Members' Show, 7 p.m., p. 9	19	20 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Evergreen Forests Snowshoe Hike, 9:30 a.m. - noon, p. 10 Beginning Children's Cross-Country Ski Workshop, 1:30 - 3 p.m., p. 11 Cabin Fever Hike, 2:30 p.m., p. 18
21 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Winter Warm-ups, 9 - 11:30 a.m., p. 12 Beginning Cross-Country Skiing, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., p. 11 Family Snowshoe Games, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., p. 7	22	23	24	25 Special Olympics, p. 3 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 9	26 Special Olympics, p. 3	27 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Special Olympics, p. 3 Cross-Country Ski Intermediate Workshop, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 11 Cross-Country Ski Workshop: Handling Hills, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 11 CVSR and Wine-Tasting Express, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 6 Granny Willow Puppet Show, 2:30 - 4 p.m., p. 7
28 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Snowshoeing: Going to the Dogs, 10 - 11:30 a.m., p. 13 Cross-Country Ski Preparation, 10 a.m. - noon, p. 11 Historic Landscapes Snowshoe Hike, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 10 Let's Build a Boomerang, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 12	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY 2007

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				1 Full Moon Hike, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 12 - 13	2 Environmental Education Council of Ohio, p. 5	3 Environmental Education Council of Ohio, p. 5 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Family Snowshoe Workshop, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., p. 7 Off the Beaten Path Hike, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 13
4 Environmental Education Council of Ohio, p. 5 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Winter Warm-ups, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 12 Evergreen Forests Snowshoe Hike, 9:30 a.m. - noon, p. 10 Children's Snowshoe Hike, 9:30 a.m. - noon, p. 7	5	6	7	8 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 9	9 Cuyahoga Valley Nature Writers, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., p. 9	10 CVSR and Cabin Fever, p. 6 Beginning Children's Cross-Country Ski Workshop, 1:30 - 3 p.m., p. 11 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Cross-Country Ski Workshop: Handling Hills, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 11 Winter Woods Hike II, 2 p.m., p. 18
11 CVSR and Cabin Fever, p. 6 Beginning Cross-Country Skiing, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., p. 11 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Family Snowshoe Workshop, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., p. 7		13	14	15 CVPS: Alan Doe, 7 p.m., p. 9	16 CVSR and Wine-Tasting Express, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 6 Winter Chillin' Dinner Series, 6 - 10 p.m., p. 7 Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series: Eric Bibb, 8 p.m., p. 9	17 CVSR and Cabin Fever, p. 6 Bird Watching, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., p. 14 Cross-Country Ski Intermediate Workshop, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 11 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 Family Snowshoe Games, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., p. 7
18 CVSR and Cabin Fever, p. 6 Winter Warm-ups, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., p. 12 Cross-Country Ski Advanced Intermediate Workshop, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 11 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11	19 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11	20	21	22 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 9	23 Underground Railroad, 6 - 8:20 p.m., p. 18	24 Historic Landscapes Snowshoe Hike, 9:30 a.m. - noon, p. 10 Winter Sports Shelter at Kendall Lake, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 - 11 CVSR and Cabin Fever, p. 6 CVSR and Storytelling Train, 6 - 8 p.m., p. 6 Underground Railroad, 6 - 8:20 p.m., p. 18
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Day in the Valley

Celebrate the Downtown Akron Experience

Before or after visiting the Cascade Locks Park and participating in our winter activities listed below, spend a little more time downtown and enjoy some of the other great holiday activities: ice skating, the Holidayfest, and the Christkindl Market at Lock 3 Park from November 24 to December 31, and the Northside Vertical Parade of Homes from November 25 through December 10.

Saturday, December 2

Guided snow shoe experience with Denny Reiser. Enjoy a hot beverage in the Mustill Store after the excursion. 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Friday, December 8

Old fashioned good times, Christmas caroling, and good cheer. Mustill Store, 6 - 8 p.m.

Gifts from the Gatehouse

Sundays, December 3 - 17

Slow down the holiday season. Come to the Gatehouse, Hale's Visitors' Center, to create a simple homemade craft. Children's make-and-take craft area, too. Hale café is open, and the Past & Presents gift shop is full of books, gifts and toys, decorations and more. Music, treats, and time with your family and friends. No admission fee. Hale Farm & Village, noon - 4 p.m.

Lantern Tours

Fridays and Saturdays, December 8 and 9, 15 and 16, and Thursday and Friday, December 21 and 22

Hale Farm & Village's favorite holiday event returns this year, with a leisurely guided tour around the Village of Wheatfield as it was in 1861. Visitors can enter the homes around the village green and see what holiday celebrations were like during the Civil War era. Groups welcome. Reservations required. Fee: \$15, \$12 Western Reserve Historical Society members. Hale & Farm Village, tours every 20 minutes departing at 6 p.m. through 8:20 p.m.

International Holiday Open House

Sunday, December 10

Help us celebrate holiday traditions from around the world and 20 years of providing affordable accommodations in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Stanford Hostel, 1 - 4 p.m.

Holidays with the Mustills

Saturday, December 16

Come join us for festive cookies and beverages and get some of your holiday shopping done at the same time. We have books, CDs, DVDs, and more! There will be authors on hand to sign their work, and who knows—maybe Fred and Emma Mustill will stop by for a visit! Mustill Store, noon - 3 p.m.

Winter Woods Hike I

Saturday, December 30

The forest is full of activity year-round, even in winter. Join a Metro Parks naturalist to hike the 1.2-mile Quarry Trail and discover what roams the woods during this season. Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park, 2 p.m. For more information call (330) 865-8065.

Cabin Fever Hike

Saturday, January 20

Don't go stir crazy in the middle of winter! Join a Metro Parks naturalist to hike the rugged 1.8-mile Deer Run Trail and discover the plants, animals and history of this beautiful park. O'Neil Woods Metro Park, 2:30 p.m. For more information call (330) 865-8065.

Winter Woods Hike II

Saturday, February 10

Join Naturalist Meghan Hansford to hike the 1-mile Old Mill Trail and learn about Furnace Run's beautiful wooded habitat. Furnace Run Metro Park, 2 p.m. For more information call (330) 865-8065.

A Fugitive's Path: Escape on the Underground Railroad

Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24

In this 90-minute interactive program, visitors travel to the year 1852 and take on the roles of fugitives fleeing from the bonds of slavery. They will experience firsthand what slaves encountered during their bid for freedom and will meet many people on their journey, including abolitionists, slave hunters, free blacks, and Quakers. Some of the people they will "meet" (costumed interpreters) are helpful, some are indifferent to their plight, and some are belligerent. Recommended for visitors ages 13 and up. This event requires walking outdoors. Please dress for the weather. Fee: \$15, \$12 Western Reserve Historical Society members. Hale Farm & Village, tours every 20 minutes departing at 6 p.m. through 8:20 p.m.



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Program Locations



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Blue Hen Falls Trailhead - 2001 Boston Mills Road, Boston Township. 1 mile west of Riverview Road.

Blue Heron Bookstore - 1593 Main Street, on State Route 303 between Riverview and Akron-Peninsula Roads, Peninsula

Boston Store - 1548 Boston Mills Road, east of Riverview Road, Peninsula

Boston Township School House - 1775 Main Street, northeast corner of SR 303 and Riverview Road, Peninsula

Brecksville Station - 13512 Station Road, at Station Road Bridge Trailhead, Brecksville

Canal Visitor Center - 7104 Canal Road, intersection of Canal and Hillside Roads, Valley View

Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center - 3675 Oak Hill Road, south of Major Road, Peninsula

Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park - 5779 Riverview Road, Peninsula

Furnace Run Metro Park - 4955 Townsend Road, Richfield

Hale Farm & Village - 2686 Oak Hill Road, north of Ira Road, Bath Township

Happy Days Visitor Center - 500 W. Streetsboro Road (SR 303), 1 mile west of SR 8, Peninsula

Hines Hill Conference Center - 1403 West Hines Hill Road, east of junction with Boston Mills Road, John F. Seiberling Gallery is in the Hines Hill Administrative Building

Kendall Lake Shelter - 1000 Truxell Road, 2 miles west of Akron-Cleveland Road, Peninsula

Ledges Shelter - 701 Truxell Road, 1 mile west of Akron-Cleveland Road, Peninsula

Mustill Store - 248 Ferndale Street, Akron

NPS Park Headquarters - 15610 Vaughn Road, intersection of Vaughn and Riverview Roads, Brecksville

Oak Hill Trailhead - 3901 Oak Hill Road, 1.3 miles south of Major Road, Peninsula

Octagon Shelter - 801 Truxell Rd., Peninsula. 1.5 miles west of Akron-Cleveland Road.

O'Neil Woods Metro Park - 2550 Martin Road, Bath

Peninsula Depot Visitor Center - 1630 Mill Street, off of Akron-Peninsula Road, north of SR 303, Peninsula

Pine Grove Trail - at Octagon Shelter. Trail begins at the trailhead bulletin board located at the upper, southeast corner of the Octagon parking lot.

Pine Lane Trailhead - 1281 Pine Lane, Peninsula. Off of SR 303 between Peninsula and SR 8.

Red Lock Trailhead - 1175 Highland Road, Sagamore Hills, across from Brandywine Ski Resort

Rockside Station - 7900 Old Rockside Road, one block north of Rockside Road off Canal Road, Independence

Stanford Hostel - 6093 Stanford Road, Peninsula

Station Road Bridge Trailhead - Riverview Road, 1/8 mile south of SR 82, Brecksville

Most park facilities and the Towpath Trail are wheelchair accessible. For specific information on program accessibility, call (216) 524-1497



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Visitor Centers

All visitor centers are closed on
December 25 and January 1.

Canal Visitor Center focuses on life
along the canal and human history in
the valley. Daily, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Happy Days Visitor Center is
primarily an information/orientation
facility, but also holds a variety of
interpretive and musical programs.
Wednesday through Sunday,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hunt Farm Visitor Information
Center has exhibits highlighting
agricultural history and recreational
opportunities in the valley. Weekends
only, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Peninsula Depot Visitor Center is an
information/orientation facility
developed to help visitors explore
CVNP, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic
Railroad, the Village of Peninsula, and
the Ohio & Erie Canalway. The visitor
center is open Saturdays and Sundays,
December 2 - 17 and February 10 - 25.
It is closed December 18 - February 9.

Winter Sports Center
at Kendall Lake Shelter
Offers the rental of winter equipment,
as well as ski and snowshoe
instruction. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturdays
and Sundays, December 2 through
December 24 and January 6 through
February 25; daily, December 26
through December 31; and on the
holidays, January 15 and February 19.

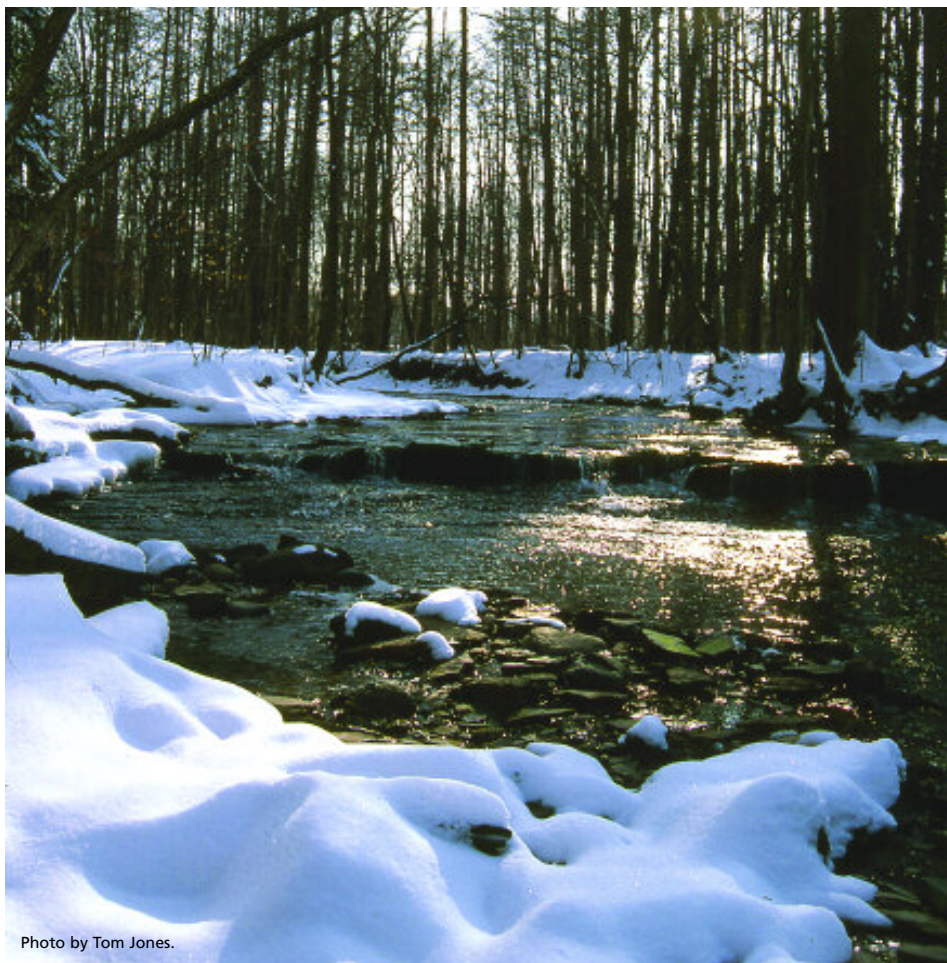


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How Can I Receive a Free Schedule of Events?

Members of Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), the park's friends group, receive the *Schedule of Events* in the mail as a service provided by CVNPA. Membership in CVNPA directly supports the activities and events of the park. For more information on how to become a member, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657-2909. See page 4.

The *Schedule of Events* is published quarterly by the National Park Service and is available online at www.nps.gov/cuva and at all CVNP visitor centers.

For a large-type version of this schedule, call
(440) 546-5991 or (800) 433-1986, ext. 5991.



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